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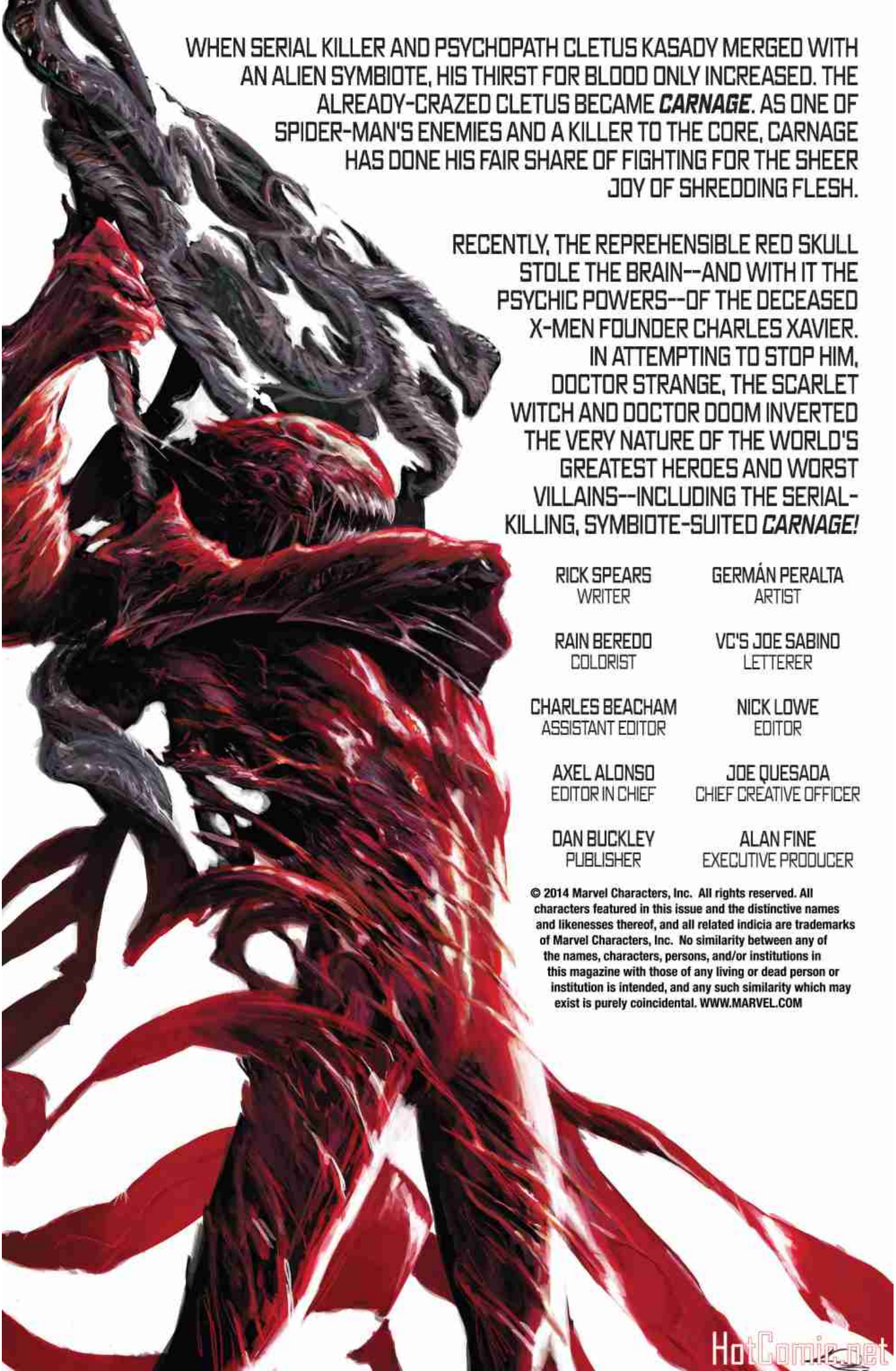

WHEN SERIAL KILLER AND PSYCHOPATH CLETUS KASADY MERGED WITH AN ALIEN SYMBIOTE, HIS THIRST FOR BLOOD ONLY INCREASED. THE ALREADY-CRAZED CLETUS BECAME ***CARNAGE***. AS ONE OF SPIDER-MAN'S ENEMIES AND A KILLER TO THE CORE, CARNAGE HAS DONE HIS FAIR SHARE OF FIGHTING FOR THE SHEER JOY OF SHREDDING FLESH.

RECENTLY, THE REPREHENSIBLE RED SKULL STOLE THE BRAIN--AND WITH IT THE PSYCHIC POWERS--OF THE DECEASED X-MEN FOUNDER CHARLES XAVIER. IN ATTEMPTING TO STOP HIM, DOCTOR STRANGE, THE SCARLET WITCH AND DOCTOR DOOM INVERTED THE VERY NATURE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROES AND WORST VILLAINS--INCLUDING THE SERIAL-KILLING, SYMBIOTE-SUITED ***CARNAGE!***


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I AM THE HELD BREATH AWAKENED, REBORN AGAIN UNTO THE CITY.
LUST, GLUTTONY, AND GREED ABOUND IN THIS SEETHING CESSPOOL OF LIES AND SIN.
THE LIES HAVE MANY VOICES.
THE SINS, MANY FACES.
HEY, THAT'S THAT GUY FROM THE NEWS.
YUM!
I TAKE FORM, AND WILL.
I KNOW WHAT MUST BE DONE.

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BEING BAD WAS SO SIMPLE.
I KILLED THINGS, RIPPED 'EM, MADE 'EM BLEED.
CARNAGE RUL
THERE WEREN'T NO RULES, AND I WAS DAMN GOOD AT IT.
CARNAGE RULED.
BUT THEN WE HAD THIS BIG OL' BRAWL THAT KNOCKED THE WORLD OFF ITS AXIS.
IT WAS SOME SORT OF YIN-YANG, MAGIC MUMBO JUMBO, I GUESS.
I JUST KNOW THAT NOW I'M ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, OR AT LEAST I WANNA BE.

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AS A PSYCHOPATH I DON'T FEEL THE WAY NORMAL PEOPLE DO.
I AIN'T NEVER FELT THINGS LIKE GUILT, REMORSE, PITY, OR COMPASSION.
NOW, MY SKULL IS BEING BOMBARDED BY ALL KINDS OF CONFUSING AND GROSS FEELINGS AND STUPID EMOTIONS.
IT MAKES ME WANT TO DO GOOD, BE A HERO, BUT THERE ARE SO MANY...RULES. IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHERE TO EVEN START.
HEY! GET OFF ME!
A WOMAN IN TROUBLE!
WAIT. NO. THAT'S NOT RIGHT.
NO, I'VE SEEN THIS ON T.V.
I KNOW WHAT THIS IS. A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS. THIS ONE'S A CLASSIC. EASY. I GOT THIS.

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...MAYBE THAT WAS TOO MUCH?
RICO!
ACK! MY CHEST! I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA BARF AND DIE.
--SPREADING TO MY BRAIN! IS THIS CRAP WHAT'S CALLED A CONSCIENCE?
YOU BASTARD!
BUT I SAVED YOU!
HE'S MY PIMP DADDY, YOU GOON!
WAIT, YOU'RE A LADY OF THE EVENING? A CRIMINAL?
YOU GOTTA GET PUNISHED, TOO!

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OKAY. GIRLS ARE SUPER SOFT. SO I GOTTA BE EVER-SO-GENTLE...
KRAK
KNOCKED OUT COLD BUT HER EYEBALLS STAYED IN HER HEAD.
THAT'S GOOD. PERFECT. PERFECT HERO WORK.
THAT GUY JUST HIT THAT WOMAN!
IT'S CARNAGE THE SUPER VILLAIN!
WHAT? NO. THEY WERE THE VILLAINS!
I WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP!
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SAGE Club
WELCOME BACK, MR. ROLLINS.
IS FUKUYOSHI WORKING THIS EVENING?
SHE'S PREPARING HERSELF FOR YOU JUST THIS MOMENT.
KREEEEK
I THINK I'LL SAVE THE SAKE FOR AFTER, MY DOVE. I DON'T WANT TO DULL A SINGLE SENSATION.
THIS WEEK NEARLY KILLED ME, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL FINALLY HAVE A HAPPY ENDING.
I WILL GIVE YOU A GREAT KINDNESS. ONE UNAFFORDED ME IN DEATH.
WHO THE--
I WILL SAVE YOUR SOUL ONCE IT'S FREE OF YOUR HOLD.
--CONSUME YOUR LIES, YOUR SIN.

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WAIT, I KNOW YOU...
SIN-EATER, RIGHT? WEREN'T YOU A COP?
NO, THE IMPOSTER IS DEAD.
HELP! SOMEBODY, HELP!
LET GO YOUR MORTAL FEARS!
THE PAIN OF DEATH WILL BE BUT MOMENTARY.
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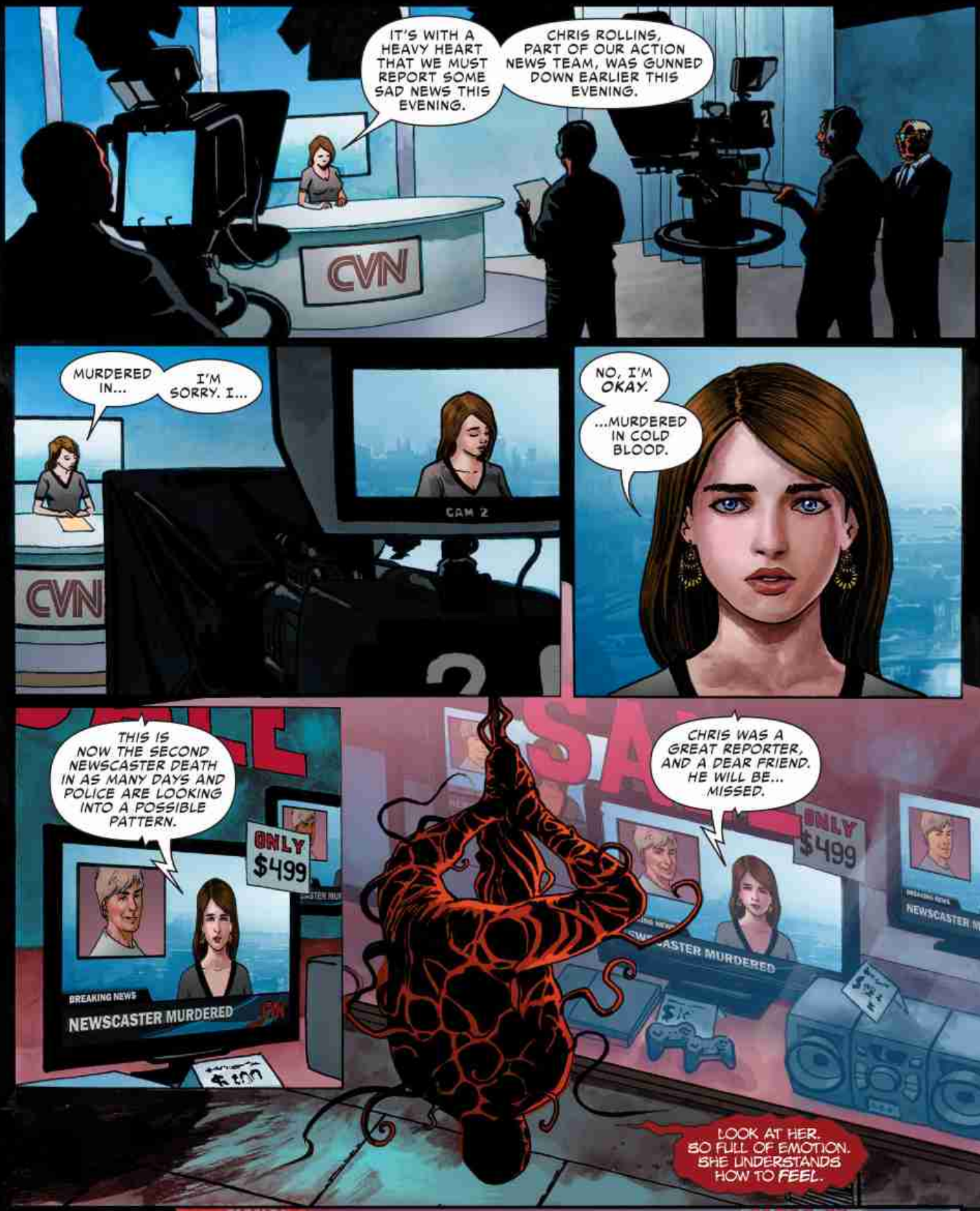
IT'S WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT WE MUST REPORT SOME SAD NEWS THIS EVENING.
CHRIS ROLLINS, PART OF OUR ACTION NEWS TEAM, WAS GUNNED DOWN EARLIER THIS EVENING.
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MURDERED IN...
I'M SORRY. I...
CAM 2
NO, I'M OKAY.
...MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD.
THIS IS NOW THE SECOND NEWSCASTER DEATH IN AS MANY DAYS AND POLICE ARE LOOKING INTO A POSSIBLE PATTERN.
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BREAKING NEWS
NEWSCASTER MURDERED
CHRIS WAS A GREAT REPORTER, AND A DEAR FRIEND. HE WILL BE... MISSED.
LOOK AT HER. SO FULL OF EMOTION. SHE UNDERSTANDS HOW TO FEEL.
SHE'S A GOOD PERSON. A RESPECTED VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE KNOWS WHAT I NEED TO KNOW.
FORGIVE ME. THIS IS HARD. WE ARE ALL HURTING, BUT CHRIS WOULD HAVE WANTED US TO GO ON WITH OUR WORK.

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WE LOST ONE OF THE GOOD ONES TONIGHT.
THIS IS ALICE GLEASON, REPORTING.
AND WE ARE CLEAR. BACK IN SIXTY.
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD. I KNOW YOU AND CHRIS WERE CLOSE.
WE WERE SCREWING, FRANK. DON'T READ ANYTHING INTO IT.
I JUST BLEW YOUR RATINGS OFF THE CHART. THEY'LL BE PLAYING THAT TEARJERKER IN HEAVY ROTATION FOR THE NEXT 72 HOURS.
I WANT HIS BEAT. I WANT THE SUPER HERO BEAT.
HIS BODY ISN'T EVEN COLD.
THE COMMISSIONER HAS ISSUED YOU POLICE PROTECTION IN CASE THIS NUT IS TARGETING NEWSCASTERS.
I DON'T NEED IT. I DON'T WANT IT.
NOT YOUR CALL.
EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT US, AND HE GOES AND GETS BLOWN AWAY IN A MASSAGE PARLOR. HE EMBARRASSED ME, FRANK.
IF HE WEREN'T DEAD, I'D KILL HIM MYSELF.
I WANT THE BEAT.
EARN IT. BRING ME SOMETHING WITH A CAPE.

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LET LOOSE THY BURDEN, MY SON.
RELEASE UNTO ME THY UNHOLY TRESPASSES AND SINS.
FOR I GIVE EASEMENT AND REST NOW TO THEE, DEAR MAN.
COME NOT DOWN THE LANES OR IN THE MEADOWS.
BUT ENTER INTO THE HEAVEN OF HEAVENS, FREE, CLEAR, AND CLEANSED.
FOR THY PEACE I PAWN MY OWN SOUL.
YOUR BURDEN IS NOW MINE.

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WAIT, WAIT, CHILL OUT!
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE! YOU'RE THE SIN-EATER. I REMEMBER YOU.
JUST LISTEN. I'M A GOOD GIRL.
I GO TO CHURCH AND EVERYTHING.
YOU REEK OF SIN, VAINGLORY, SELFISHNESS AND HUBRIS.
CLAKK
BE REASONABLE.
I CAN MAKE YOU A STAR.
I'M ALREADY THE SUN.
AND I FORGIVE YOU.
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BOOYAH! GOT HIM!
THOUGH I'M PRETTY SURE HEROES AREN'T SUPPOSED TO KILL. WHOOPS.
BUT I DID SAVE THE GIRL!
THAT'S PRETTY RAD, RIGHT?
TRY NOT TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, SWEETHEART.
AAAGH!
AAAAAAAAA...
FAINTED, EH? THAT'S TOO BAD.
BUT REST EASY. YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS NOW!
UP, UP, AND AWAY!

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WAKE UP!
ARE YOU ALIVE?
YOU BETTER BE. I NEED YOUR HELP.
I WANT TO BE A GREAT HERO.
AND I NEED YOU TO TEACH ME HOW.
AAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!!!
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